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1. PRESS TODAY CARRIED LEFTIST VENEZUELAN ASSOCIATION OF JOURNALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT HAD INVITED WASHINGTON POST'S WOODWARD AND BERNSTEIN AS SPECIAL GUESTS FOR LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF JOURNALISTS SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 17--20. BY NO COINCIDENCE, INTER AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN CARACAS AT THE SAME TIME. OTHER SPECIAL INVITEES INCLUDE ALEJO CARPENTIER OF CUBA, JULIO CORTAZAR OF ARGENTINA, GABRIEL GARCIA OF COLOMBIA AND JUAN RULFO, MEXICO. JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATIONS FROM TWELVE LATIN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CUBA AND PUERTO RICO, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE ACCORDING TO PRESS. LEFT-SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER PUNTO AND OTHERS ALSO REPORT PRESIDENT ELEAZER DIAZ RANGEL OF JOURNALIST ASSOCIATION SENT CABLE TO SENATOR FULBRIGHT URGIN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO PUSH ITS INVESTIGATION OF KISSINGER INVOLVEMENT IN CHILE, ADDING "WE CONSIDER THAT THIS PROPOSED VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA WOULD BE INOPPORTUNE AND PROVACATIVE WHILE YOUR INVESTIGATION IS GOING ON.

2. COMMENT: VENEZUELAN ASSOCIATION OF JOURNALISTS HAS FOR LONG TIME BEEN DOMINATED BY STRONGLY LEFTIST AND COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP. IT HAS BECOME MORE ACTIVE RECENTLY AS INDICATED BY ITS SPONSORSHIP OF VISIT OF TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE JOURNALISTS. IT OBVIOUSLY SEEKS ORGANIZE

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CONFRONTATION WITH IAPA AND TO COMPETE WITH IAPA FOR
HEADLINES. STATEMENT RE KISSINGER MAY INDICATE GENERAL
LEFT LINE WITH OVERTONES OF ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATIONS
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